THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, the kharif crops were withering because of the complete monsoon failure. However, insofar as Pong-Dam water levels are concerned, the levels as of now and the lowest level during last 3 years are as follows:—

Date	Water level in meters
27-7-1987	398.8
17-6-1986	394.8
23-6-1985	385.0
3-6-1984	389.6

(c) To mitigate the effects of monsoon failure contingency crop plans have been drawn up and farmers have been advised to grow short duration crops for the best utilisation of moisture/water and to be able to take up succeeding rabi crop. Power and diesel supply is being increased by the State Governments for irrigating crops and farmers have been advised to use the irrigation water judiciously.

Visakhapatnam Steel Project

2372. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment erection work at the Visakhapatnam Steel Project is going on as per schedule;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) by when the production is likely to commence; and

(d) how much money has been spent on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Equipment erection work in Visakhapatnam Steel Project as on 31-7-1987 was 82 per cent of the schedule.

(b) and (c) Phase I of the production is likely to commence in December, 1988 and Phase II in June, 1990. Equipment erection is likely to be completed to suit this commissioning schedule.

(d) About Rs. 3,270 crores as on 31-7-1987.

Projects for Fish Breeding in Delhi

2373. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up new project for fish breeding in and around Delhi;

(b) if so, the broad details of the proposal;

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) the site selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) There is no new Project proposal for fish breeding by Delhi Administration. However, under a continuing scheme Delhi Administration propose to construct two new Fish Seed Farms at Okhla and Motibagh besides expansion of existing farms at Shahdra, Silampur and Barwala. There are already three existing farms for Fish Seed Production at Shahdra (6 ha.), Silampur (3 ha.) and Barwala (1 ha.).

The allocation for 1987-88 for the continuing scheme is Rs. 12 lakhs out of the total allocation of Rs. 55 lakhs during 7th Plan.

Allocation of palmolein oil to Maharashtra

2374. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND